

c. 1900

BA 1614  
Baetjer Barn (Hay Barracks)  
1701 Green Spring Valley Rd.  
Stevenson, Maryland 21153  
private

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

BA 1614

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI # 0316142606

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

HAY BARRACKS

AND/OR COMMON

Baetjer Barn

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1701 Greenspring Valley Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stevenson

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs Howard Baetjer, II

Telephone #: 486-7157

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1701 Green Spring Valley Road

Maryland 21153

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Stevenson

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: O.T.G. 4794

Folio #: 30

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The BAETJER BARN is a rectangular structure of braced-frame construction, a single high storey in height, its long sides north and south. Centered on its gabled roof is a louvred cupola with a low pyramidal roof and a wooden spiked finial. The circular-sawn timber indicates a date no earlier than the late nineteenth century and the braced-frame construction indicates a date no later than the very early twentieth century. Use of wire nails in the siding and in the attachment of other thinner elements suggests a construction date of ca. 1895-1910.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC\*    ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
☐ 1400-1499    ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
☐ 1500-1599    ☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ 1600-1699    ☒ ARCHITECTURE  
☐ 1700-1799    ☐ ART  
☒ 1800-1899    ☐ COMMERCE  
☐ 1900-    ☐ COMMUNICATIONS

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

**SPECIFIC DATES****BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

## BAETJER BARN

This is the only early structure remaining on the property. A nineteenth century tenant house stood one hundred yards below and to the west adjacent to the existing spring, and some distance further in from the road was a cow and horse barn which served the Old Stoneton estate.

The barn undoubtedly was built by "General" Felix Agnus<sup>1</sup> who farmed the land on the south side of Valley Road before selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Jackson in 1924.<sup>2</sup> It is remarkable for its excellent state of repair.<sup>3</sup>

All supporting members (oak or hickory) are joined by mortise and tenon and pegged. Artists and photographers love to use the barn as a model both because it is old and picturesque and also because it represents the type of farm operation that is gone. Double doors on both sides slide back to allow a fully loaded hay wagon to pass through or stand in the center aisle where the hay was forked to either side until the barn was full. An iron track runs the length of the roof ridge which was used to trolly a U-shaped hook for pulling hay to the very top. On the east end this track extends outside the barn for loading or unloading.

### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md. Liber N.B.N. 261, folio 557 Charles McH. Howard and Julian J. Alexander, Trustees to Felix Agnus, February 12, 1903.

<sup>2</sup> BCLR, Liber W.P.C. 601, folio 58. August 12, 1924, Felix Agnus, widower, to Richard N. Jackson.

<sup>3</sup> BCLR, Liber O.T.G. 4794, folio 30. Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Trustee, to Howard Baetjer II and Katharine Finney Baetjer, his wife. August 16, 1967.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore; Maryland Historical Society, 1978)

Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

James Thomas Wollon, Jr., A.I.A./Dawn F. Thomas

2-2-79

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Valleys Planning Council

828-7807

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

212 Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

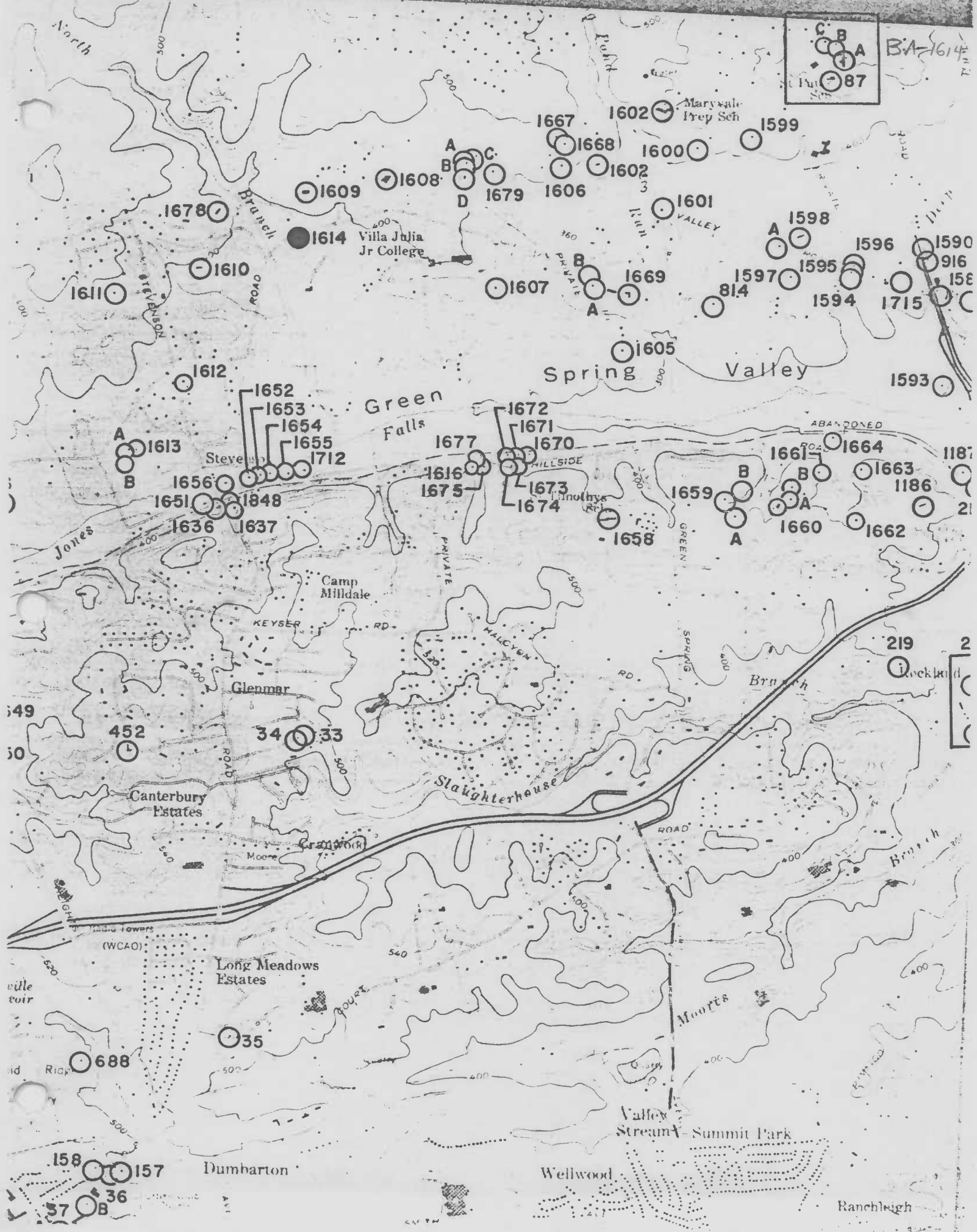
Towson

Maryland 21204

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BA 1614

Baetjer

Barn

GSVHD

Grn. Spn. Vly

JTW

1-3-80

from south

*1/5/80*